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SUBJECT: SOVIET MEDIA COVERAGE OF SOMALI TROOP WITHDRAWAL

1. CENTRAL PRESS COVERAGE OF SOMALI ANNOUNCEMENT ON
TROOP WITHDRAWAL IS LIMITED TO SHORT TASS ARTICLES
DATELINED NAIROBI AND ADDIS ABABA MARCH 10. NAIROBI
ARTICLE (MARCH 10 IZVESTIYA, MARCH 11 PRAVDA) NOTES OFFICIAL
SOMALI ANNOUNCEMENT AND CONCLUDES ON A SLIGHTLY SKEPTICAL
TONE BY STATING THAT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER SOMALIA
INTENDS TO WITHDRAW "ALL" SOMALI ARMED UNITS FROM
ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY.

2. ADDIS ABABA ARTICLE (PRAVDA AND KZ MARCH 11) REPORTS
COMMENTS ON THE SOMALI ANNOUNCEMENT BY A "REPRESENTATIVE"
OF THE ETHIOPIAN MFA. THE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTEDLY NOTED
THAT:

-- SOMALI SIDE HAD LOST ALL HOPE AND HAD REALIZED THAT WAR
WAS LOST;

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-- A LOSING SIDE DOES NOT PROPOSE CONDITIONS (I.E. WITH
REGARD TO TROOP WITHDRAWAL);

-- QUESTION OF SELF DETERMINATION OF SOME ETHIOPIAN
NATIONALITIES WILL BE DECIDED AS AN INTERNAL QUESTION AND
NOT AS A POINT ON AGENDA FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF CONFLICT
BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA.

3. COMMENT: SOVIET MEDIA COVERAGE OF THIS LAST STATEMENT
THROWS CERTAIN AMOUNT OF COLD WATER ON HOPE THAT SOMALIA
MIGHT BE ABLE TO DISCUSS POLITICAL STATUS OF OGADEN
POPULATION WITH ETHIOPIANS. TOON

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